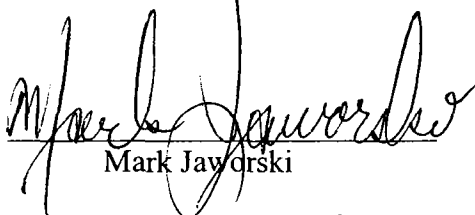




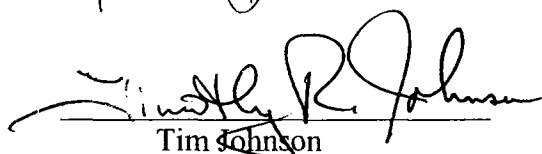
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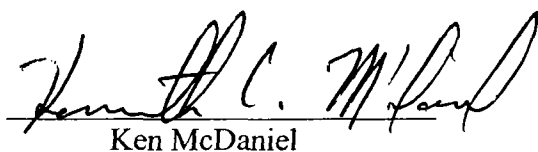
The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Site Investigation and State Clean Up staff, conducted site visits and/or interviews at facilities as part of the Lusher Street Groundwater Contamination investigation. The following pages describe IDEM's staff findings pertaining to the facilities that were visited. Below each facility findings are the names of the facility's representative that were interviewed and the date the visit/interview was conducted. Mark Jaworski and Tim Johnson conducted site visits and interviews on 8-16-06, 10-25-06 and 10-26-06. Mark Jaworski and Ken McDaniel conducted site visits and interviews on 11-1-06. Ken McDaniel conducted site visits and interviews on 11-16-06. Mark Jaworski conducted telephone interviews on 4-7-06.


Mark Jaworski

4/9/07
Date


Tim Johnson

4/9/07
Date


Ken McDaniel

9 APRIL 2007
Date

Gaska Tape
1810 W. Lusher

Gaska Tape is a poly vinyl chloride (PVC) foam manufacturer. The company began operations in 1965. Gaska Tape is a manufacturer of closed-cell foams and adhesive tapes (PVC Foam, Polyester Foam and Gaska Hi Bond® Adhesive Tapes). Gaska provides versatile solutions in gaskets for sealing, cushioning, insulating and protecting. They design and supply custom foams and adhesive tape products, with modifications or enhancements developed for a wide variety of applications.

Gaska Tape's products are used for multiple applications among a cross section of industries, including automotive, industrial, construction, heating and air conditioning, Weather stripping, Recreational Vehicle (RV), Electronics and Medical.

TCE had been used at the site as a support solvent for suspending silicone as a release coating agent. The company also uses oil base plasticizers in its manufacturing processes.

The company utilizes the services of D&B Environmental Services to dispose of its waste material. The facility was formerly a RCRA large quantity generator of hazardous waste but is now a small quantity generator.

The facility uses a regenerative thermo oxidizer that burns VOCs before they go into the air. A dry pond is located in a wooded area north of the plant building and captures any runoff from the facility. This pond is not lined.

Greg Szabo
Site Representative

10-25-06
Date

Flexible Foam Products Inc.
1900 W. Lusher

The company was originally known as Indiana Foam. The company currently manufactures polyurethane foam and is a supplier of foam and foam products for residential and

commercial applications. The materials are used in carpet cushioning, home furnishings, and bedding. The company serves the automotive industry with a variety of foam products for both safety and comfort.

The foam is produced in loaves that measure 3-6 feet high, 125 feet long, and about 6 feet wide. Toluene diisocyanate is used to manufacture the foam. Other substances used to manufacture the foam include CO² (which has replaced methylene chloride), colorants, fire retardants, ethyl acetone naphtha, tin, and Poly All which is supplied by Bayer. No chlorinated solvents are currently used at the site.

A dry pond is located in a wooded area north of the plant building and captures any runoff from the facility. The east side of the facility is graveled where the loading docks are located.

Jerry Eagan
Site Representative

10-25-06
Date

Action Auto Salvage
1750 W. Lusher

The facility accepts salvageable vehicles and sells them for parts. At times the facility sells the entire vehicle to scrap yards.

The company started operations three (3) years ago. Other businesses that occupied the property prior to Action Auto Salvage include Fidler Concrete Company, BFI Waste Management, First Step Finance, and an automotive repair shop.

Substances currently used on site include antifreeze and hydraulic oil (15-40 Shell Rotella). Company representative stated that no degreasers or cleaners are used.

Steve Cupery
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

Genesis Distributor
1556 W. Lusher

The facility is a warehouse for vinyl and aluminum siding. The facility is on municipal water. No cleaners or solvents are handled at this location.

Scott Shinneman
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

Bristol Auto Parts West
1422 W. Lusher

The business primarily sells automotive parts and accessories. There is no use of solvents or cleaners at this business. This business has been at this location for the past 28 years. This business operated a small machine shop more than 18 years ago.

The site representative had stated that the Auto Trade Center was once located adjacent and to the east of their property approximately 5-6 years ago. Oil and antifreeze were observed to have been dumped on the ground at that facility.

Stephanie Leumer
Site Representative

10-25-26
Date

Patrick Industries
1926 W. Lusher

The business is a wood process facility. Dry wall (sheet rock) is stored in their warehouse. Items manufactured include hollow wood doors and kitchen cabinet doors. Sawing and sanding are the primary operations conducted at this facility. The facility uses water base glues. The facility also utilizes a wood dust collection system in its manufacturing process. Some recreational vehicle (RV)

antifreeze and hydraulic oils are also used on site. The

facility is on municipal water.

John Izard
Site Representative

10-25-26
Date

Homan Lumber
1650 W. Lusher

The facility operates a retail lumber yard and building supply and sawmill for the mobile home industry on approximately nine (9) acres of land adjacent to a railroad spur. Homan lumber is a supplier of lumber and commodity building materials throughout northern Indiana, and southern Michigan. This facility has been at this location since 1965. The facility uses gas, diesel, and hydraulic fluids. A concrete containment structure surrounds the gas and diesel fuel tanks. The company employs about 50 people and utilizes their own private water for drinking.

Robert Homan
Site Representative

10-25-06
Date

Jason Industries
1500 W. Lusher

The company manufactures fiberglass truck cap and lids. The facility has been operation at this location since 1988. Fiberglass resin, auto paint, paint solvents, cleaning solvents, and acetone, are used in the manufacturing process. Polyester resin is used for truck caps. No chlorinated solvents are reportedly used on site. The facility is a RCRA small quantity generator. There are no wells on site.

John Bline
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

WeVac Plastics
2401 South 17th Street

WeVac Plastics was founded in 1989 to service the recreational vehicle (RV) industry. Since its inception WeVac Plastics has grown in to a multifaceted company working with diverse companies, providing custom thermoforming, silk-screening, secondary assembly, five (5) axis CNC trimming and much more. The company has its own in-house tooling shop, product development department, and pattern cutting five (5) axis CNC. The facility consists of a 73,000 square foot building and 40 non-union employees. Materials that WeVac Plastics handles are ABS, high density polytetrafluoroethylene, high impact polystyrene, polycarbonate, and laminated foils. (i.e. brushed aluminum, marble, wood grain).

The company uses a two (2) epoxy glue that contains MEK and acetone. No chlorinated solvents are used. The company utilizes the city municipal water system for drinking water. It should be noted that company staff had just extinguished a fire prior to the inspection.

Steven Derdzinski
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

City of Elkhart/Highway Garage
2421 S. 17th.

This facility is owned by the city of Elkhart and is considered a municipal maintenance garage. The facility houses street maintenance equipment, salt storage, and cold patch material. Radiator fluid, cleaning fluids, soaps, DeIce 55, oils, and beet juice are utilized at this garage. The property was once used by the Skyline Mobile Home Manufacturing Company. No chlorinated solvents are currently used here. Soil material has been dumped along the southeast sector of the property.

Marty Morgan
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

B-D Industries

1715 Fieldhouse

The facility processes metal castings for the aerospace industry. The types of castings that the company worked on include landing gears, brake parts, and other parts for 747s, 737s, and other planes. Parts are cleaned and put in tanks of sulfuric acid as part of a plating/anodizing process (as the company representative stated: The company changes the molecular structure of aluminum to aluminum oxide for corrosion protection.) Sulfuric acid, nitric acid, sodium hydroxide, HCL, MEK, and TCE are liquids that the company utilizes in their processing. All hazardous wastes are sent off by Safety Clean twice a year. The company also uses some hydraulic oils.

John Denton
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Forest River, Inc.

1800 W. Hively

Forest River is a manufacturer of Class A diesel motor homes. This business has been at this location since 2003. The chassis, engines, and transmissions are purchased and Forest River, Inc. installs the floors, walls, ceilings, and all furnishings (which includes installing fiberglass laminates, electrical wiring, appliances). Some aluminum welding is performed in this process. The company applies adhesives, carpeting, and conducts some painting activities. Waste from the company operations includes paint solvents, antifreeze, and oils. All wastes are handled by D&B Environmental. No chlorinated solvents are used. The property was utilized by Skyline Mobile Home Inc. prior to Forest River Inc. operations.

John Cunningham
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

Miguel Car Audio
2111 17th Street

This facility is a car radio installer. The company also details car. Shampoos and detergents are used. No oils or solvents are used at this property. IDEM staff sampled the water from this well and the water was found to contain TCE above MCLs.

Miguel Sotelco
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Sturgis Metal
AKA Elkhart Metal
1514 W. Lusher

The company is a metal recycling facility. The facility accepts and purchases scrap ferrous and nonferrous metal. The facility also utilizes the worlds' largest metal shredder, the "Mega Shredder". This metal shredder is capable of shredding hundreds of automobiles in one (1) hour and separating the end product into ferrous and nonferrous components for sale to processors who recycle it into steel, aluminum, and copper products. The facility utilizes hydraulic oils, diesel fuel, antifreeze, transmission fluid and solvents for a parts washer. Most of these fluids are stored in the maintenance building. All generated waste is handled by Safety Clean. The facility utilizes no chlorinated solvents. Although the facility uses the municipal water for drinking water, there are three (3) monitoring wells on site. In early September 2006, IDEM enforcement collected soil and auto fluff samples from this facility. No chlorinated solvents were detected in the samples.

Dave McDougal
Site Representative

10-26-06
Date

Elkhart Hinge
1839 W. Lusher

The facility has been operating at this address since 1949. The company manufactures hinges for RVs, doors, bolt seats, barns, etc. Some tool and die, lathes, and press operations are conducted at this facility. Mineral spirits, various lubricants (mostly water soluble), and coolants are utilized on site. The site representative stated that no wastes are generated. All oils are naturally dissipated. The facility has no on-site well. Drinking water is obtained from the municipal water system.

Sheryl Nicceum
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Colbert Packaging
1511 W. Lusher

The company is a cardboard manufacturing company that prints and folds cartons for various products. Other services the company performs includes structural design and CAD/CAM sample making, full prepress, in-house sheeting, printing, die making, die cutting, gluing and windowing. Approximately 30% of the boxes are manufactured for the food industry, 50% for hardware, and 20% for miscellaneous goods (ie. computer software). The facility uses 1,2,4 trimethyl benzene and 1,3,5 trimethylbenze based solvents to clean the ink on the rockers. Isopropanol anhydrous and some oils are also in the manufacturing process. The company utilizes a backhouse dust collector to capture paper dust. Waste is handled by HIMCO and D&B Environmental. This company has been at this location for the past 25 years. The company uses the municipal water system for drinking water.

Bill True
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Atlas Chem-Milling
Division of Atlas Die
1627 W. Lusher

The company specializes in flexible dies for reciprocating or rotary application for hundreds of companies in a number of industries. The company etches steel for labels and boxes. Dies are manufactured to cut out various materials for converters. Converters make paper into types of products. The finish steel is cleaned, laminated, etched, and coated. Silver halide is applied to produce specified images on the steel.

Chemicals used include acetone base paint, toluene, and acids. Hazardous wastes are handled by Dynecol (part of PVS Chemical in Detroit), and Univar based in Chicago. The company also utilizes its own water treatment facility which treats all water before it discharges it to the municipal waste water treatment plants.

It should be noted that large crevasses were observed in the floor in parts of the plant building as a result of acids leaking from vats. Drinking water is supplied by the city municipal water system. The company has several onsite monitoring wells.

Annette Jaske
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Cullip Industries
1900 Fieldhouse

Cullip Industries, Inc. was founded in 1959 as a small tool & die job shop as Cullip Tool & Die Inc. In 1982, the company invested in CNC equipment. The machining side of the business grew to the point that in 1990 a machining division was started. With many pieces of CNC equipment, networked computers, internet capabilities, shop management software, and four years of machining experience, the company offers a competitive solution for machining needs. The company had served the following industries with stamping dies alone: transportation, construction, towing, seating, recreational vehicle, and security. The company

also specializes in blanking, pierce & cutoff, and progressive dies. Water soluble cutting oil (including HocutV4000) and vegetable base coolants are used in the machinery process. No degreasers are used. The company uses Amosol for cleaning purposes. The company also uses a parts washer. Wastes are handled by Usher Oil (formerly Berreth Oil) based out of Detroit, Michigan. The municipal water system supplies drinking water to the facility.

John Cullip
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Leroy's Body Shop
1918 Markle

The facility is an auto body repair shop. The facility has been at this location since 1994. Chemicals used include paint, paint reducers, orange plus, brake fluids, oil, transmission fluids, and antifreeze. No chlorinated solvents are used. Before 1994, a business at this location had welded pedestals on chassis for conversion vans.

Leroy Conley
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

A&M Systems
1845 Fieldhouse

This facility manufactures bus doors and the machinery that opens them. Paint and oils are used. No chlorinated solvents are used.

Jim Miller
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Meca Corporation
1805 W. Lusher

The facility operates a machine shop. The company manufactures stems for cameras, shafts for motors, and swing arm brackets for some machines. Mills, lathes, and cutters are some of the machines used at this facility. Semi synthetic coolants, cutting oils, mineral spirits, hydraulic oils, and some paints are used in the manufacturing process. No chlorinated solvents are used in the processes. The services of Polar Environmental Services, located in Elkhart, Indiana, are utilized for the disposal of the company's waste materials. This facility has operated at this location since 1996. Prior to 1996, Gaska Tape utilized the property for their operations.

Chuck Hartzel
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Quad 4 Plastics
1840 Borneman

The company manufactures custom injecting moldings. Items made include molded plastic parts for keyboards, head sets, toys, and recreational vehicles (RVs). No solvents are used. The company uses hydraulic oils. The facility uses an onsite private well for drinking water. Waste oil is picked up by D&B Environmental Service.

Fred Pletcher
Site Representative

3-27-07
Date

Fowler Custom Paint
1812 Borneman

This facility paints ambulances. The old paint is stripped from the body of the ambulances and any body dents are repaired. The company uses paint, reducers, and bondo. No

degreasers or chlorinated solvents are used.

Greg Fowler
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Meadowood Gardens, Inc.
1817 Markle

This is a landscape company. It is unlikely that any chlorinated solvents are used here. No site visit was conducted. Site representative was not available at time of this visit.

Nick Bierbaum
Site Representative

8-16-06
Date

Smiths Picture Framing
2317 18th Street

This business frames pictures. Wood, metal, and glass are used. No chlorinated solvents are used. This business is on a private well.

George Smith
Site Representative

8-16-06
Date

Walters Auto
1903 Leininger

This facility is an automobile repair shop. Oil, degreasers, paint, paint reducers, antifreeze, transmission fluids, and other car fluids are utilized. No chlorinated solvents are used. This facility is on a private well.

Mark Walter
Site Representative

8-16-06
Date

Howard's Towmaster
2000 Leininger

This business is a towing company. No cleaning fluids or chlorinated solvents are used. In 1960, the company was Howards Auto Service. Towing and automobile repair Ahas been in business since 1960.

Jerry Kindig
Site Representative

4-6-06
Date

Weed Patrol
1922 Fieldhouse

This facility manages lakes and ponds. Herbicides and algaecides are used. The facility does not utilize any chlorinated solvents.

Leslie and Charles Cunningham
Site Representatives

11-1-06
Date

Custom Woodwinds
1545 W. Lusher

The sign on the facility building states that it is a manufac-turer of limited production of professional quality flutes and piccolos. This facility was closed at the time of the site visit. The phone number listed on the sign has been disconnected.

Franklin Auto Sales
1555 W. Lusher

This facility is an automobile repair shop. They

specialize in brakes, suspension, and custom exhaust work. Oil, degreasers, antifreeze, transmission fluids, and other car fluids are utilized. No chlorinated solvents are used. The company utilizes the services of Crystal Clean to dispose of waste cleaning fluids. Crystal Flash disposes of their waste oil.

Sonja Lenox
Site Representative

4-6-07
Date

Elkhart Wash, Inc.
2115 17th. Street

This facility washes and details cars. The facility is on municipal water. Only soap and other cleaning fluids are used. No chlorinated solvents are used.

Veronica Peoples
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Sutong
1700 W. Lusher

This facility mounts tires only. The only substance used is "Green Clean" (A non solvent water based cleaner used prior to mounting tires).

Jason Unicker
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Millmark Enterprises Inc.
1935 Markle

The company specializes in steel fabrication and has been in business for the past seven (7) years. The company welds and cuts sheet metal to produce various products for

the recreational vehicle (RV) industry. Products include television brackets and cross members for the RV. According to the plant manager, hydraulic oil and mineral spirits are used at this facility. Waste oils are handled by Oil Recyclers stationed in LaPorte, Indiana.

Steve Feich
Site Representative

11-1-06
Date

Former Dump
Area south and west of 1520 Albany Street

Not much is known regarding this dump site. This dump was brought to IDEM's attention while sampling the drinking water at 1520 Albany Street. According to the resident at 1520 Albany Street, a car is buried in this dump. An inspection of the dump by Site Investigation staff revealed miscellaneous metal debris throughout the site. An underground culvert, originating north of the Conrail Railroad tracks, was found discharging a grayish colored water onto the site. A three (3) foot deep pit, revealing a coal/flyash type material, was observed in the center of the site.

Chris Landon
Neighbor Living
Adjacent to Site

12-13-06
Date

Freshwater Taxidermy
1910 Borneman

This facility was closed. The sign on the facility building indicates that it offers taxidermy services. The phone number shown on the sign has been disconnected.

Advance Communications Systems
1925 Borneman

This business has been in business for over a decade. This company services and installs phone systems. No solvents, oils, or cleaning fluids are used at this facility. The company only stores wiring and electronic components at this facility until needed at a job site.

Kathy Anderson
Site Representative

4-6-07
Date

Pentacle Seating
1803 Fieldhouse

There is no sign on the outside of this building to indicate the name or nature of the business. During an attempt to conduct a site visit at the facility, an employee stated that the name of the business is Pentacle Seating and gave IDEM staff a phone number to call to arrange another site visit or interview. The phone number was found to have been disconnected.

Cindy
Site Representative
Last Name Not Given

11-1-06
Date

RK Precision Machine
2220 19th Street

The business is a tool and die operator. The company makes press brakes dies. Water based coolant fluids are used. No solvents are used. An environmental firm replaces hydraulic fluids from the machine. The facility utilizes a private well for drinking water.

Tom Rosinski
Site Representative

8-16-06
Date

Holland Metal Fabricating
1550 W. Lusher

The company is a steel manufacturer for the mobile home industry. The company has been in business for over 10 years. This facility produces frames, cross members, and front ends. Bed rails for pickup trucks are also manufactured. The company utilizes the services of Michiana Industrial Lubricants to change out spent oils within their machines. Municipal water is used for drinking water. The facility utilizes a septic system. Only soaps are used. Site representative indicated that no solvents are used in their processes.

Jim Shallanburger
Site Representative

4-6-07
Date

Walerko Tool and Engineering Corporation
1935 W. Lusher

The facility is a registered ISO9002 tool and engineering company. Walerko Tool & Engineering has produced a wide array of tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, gauges and special machines for some of America's leading industries; most notably heavy off-road equipment, automotive, marine, aerospace and machine tool. The company can design and engineer products to the clients' specification. Their equipment offers a wide range of size capabilities with state of the art programming, engineering, grinding and CNC machine options. An inspection along the eastern sector of the facility revealed dark oil stained soils beneath several dumpsters containing scrap metal. No inside inspection was conducted.

In 1993, U.S. EPA entered into a Consent Decree with Walerko Tool and Engineering Company. The company was cited as a potential responsible party for groundwater contamination in the area. The consent decree was entered to recover response costs by U.S.EPA for a removal action at the site to provide alternative drinking water supplies to affected businesses and residences.

Edward Walerko
Site Representative

3-16-06
Date

Elkhart Plating
1913 Fourteenth

Founded 1919, Elkhart Plating specializes in alkaline non-cyanide zinc rack and barrel plating. The present facility has been at this location since 1953. The facility plates ladder parts, machine parts, screws, nuts, bolts, fasteners, drum rings and plugs, and RV parts including slide pit portion of recreational vehicle (RV) kitchens. Chemicals used include sodium hydroxide, zinc metal, hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, and some soaps and detergents. Cyanide has not been used at this facility since 1989. The company uses no solvents. Drinking water is supplied by the municipal water system. Water used for production is acquired by an onsite private well. The facility is connected to the municipal sewer system.

Don Penzik
Site Representative

4-6-07
Date

Jo Ann's Bar and Grill
1915 Borneman

This facility is a restaurant. No onsite visit was conducted.

Heinnies Restaurant
1743 W. Lusher

This facility is a restaurant. No onsite visit was conducted.

Vacant Building
1706 W. Lusher

Building is vacant. Site visit was conducted on 11-1-06

Vacant Building
1800 Fieldhouse

Building is vacant. Site visit was conducted on 11-1-06.

Vacant Building
1900 Borneman

Building is vacant. Site Visit was conducted on 11-1-06.

Refer to the Business Location Map, Reference 3, Appendix O-1, for an aerial location of the facilities discussed above.